

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Mr. Nick Jeffrey  
President and CEO  
Frontier Communications  
401 Merritt 7  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06851

Mr. Dave Weidlich  
President  
CWA Local 1298  
3055 Dixwell Ave  
Hamden, Connecticut 06518

Dear Mr. Jeffrey and Mr. Weidlich:

We are writing to urge you to reach a fair labor contract between Frontier Communications and CWA Local 1298, which represents over 1600 Frontier Communications workers.

Throughout the pandemic, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has identified frontline telecommunication workers as “essential critical infrastructure workers.” These Frontier employees have played a critical role in delivering essential communication services to Connecticut residents, many of whom depended on Frontier while working remotely or to maintain contact with family and friends during isolation. In addition, health care workers used Frontier to assist patients through telemedicine. Students depended on Frontier and broadband technology during periods of remote learning.

Federal, state and local governments depended on telecommunications workers and companies to ensure their ability to use broadband to communicate during weather and pandemic emergencies including first responder public messaging and 911 communications.

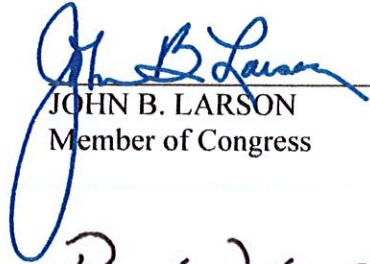
We understand Frontier’s financial struggles and commend your leadership in seeking to shore up the company’s balance sheet. However, we ask you that CWA Local 1298 workers’ sacrifices during the pandemic be acknowledged and their dedication to ensuring quality services over the years be provided equal consideration with Frontier’s business interests.

We urge Frontier and CWA Local 1298 to reach a fair agreement which recognizes workers’ dedication and sacrifices through a fair compensation package.

Sincerely,

  
RICHARD BLUMENTHAL  
United States Senate

  
CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY  
United States Senate



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Member of Congress




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